THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Appointments in Railways

†1972. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the post-wise details of appointments made in the Railways during the last two years and appointments Government propose to make in the next one year;

(b) when the shortage of staff was felt in the railways;

(c) the details of division-wise demands of posts and appointments made; and

(d) the annual expenditure likely to be incurred by railways as a result of these appointments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Electrification of Belpahar

1973. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that electrification of Belpahar—a Rail electrification project in Orissa, is hanging fire for years;

(b) whether Government are aware that this patch of rail line serves the Asia's largst open-cast coal mines at Basundhara area under Hemgir block and the delay has been costing a huge economic loss to the development of the area;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.